

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)	
CORPORATION'S PURCHASE AND)	
SALES TARIFF FOR COGENERATORS)	CASE NO. 99-354
AND SMALL POWER PRODUCERS)	

O R D E R

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), Kenergy Corp., and Willamette Industries, Inc. ("Willamette") (collectively, "the Parties") filed, on May 5, 2000, a Joint Status Report on their negotiations for standby and back-up rates for cogeneration at Willamette's Hawesville, Kentucky facility. The rates subject to these negotiations would be applied to Willamette in lieu of the rates contained in Big Rivers' proposed Rate Schedule 9. In the report, filed pursuant to the Commission's Order of April 19, 2000, the Parties indicate that they have circulated draft agreements and are currently incorporating revisions to those agreements. Therefore, the Parties request that the Commission extend the suspension of Big Rivers' proposed Rate Schedule 9 for an additional 30 days. The Parties also request that the hearing be continued generally, that they be permitted to submit an additional Joint Status Report on their negotiations to the Commission no later than June 5, 2000, and that all other matters in this proceeding be held in abeyance pending the filing of their contracts and/or their June 5, 2000 Joint Status Report.

The Commission, having considered the Parties' request and finding good cause, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The suspension period for Big Rivers' proposed Rate Schedule 9 shall be extended for another 30 days, which extends the suspension period to July 30, 2000.
2. The hearing in this proceeding shall be continued generally and all other matters in this proceeding shall be held in abeyance.
3. The Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report to the Commission no later than June 5, 2000.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director